GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1266
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INDIA-TAJIKISTAN JOINT TASK FORCE ON TERRORISM
BHUPENDRASINH PRABHATSINH SOLANKI

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Tajikistan have decided to set up a joint task force to combat terrorism;

(b) if so, whether the Government have taken any concrete action so far in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) Sir, an agreement to set up Joint Working Group for Combating International Terrorism was signed between the Republic of India and Republic of Tajikistan on 30.1.2003 during the visit of Shri Yashwant Sinha, External Affairs Minister to Tajikistan.

(b) The meetings of the Joint Working Group will be held periodically. The first meeting is expected to take place by the end of 2003.

(c) Does not arise.